

Movement on Muskegon Project!

BIA posts Notice of Intent! See page 2 and 3 for the press release!

Fall Membership Meeting October 10th! Be sure to join us for the Fall Membership Meeting October 10th in the Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center) at the Little River Casino Resort. (See page 3)

Meet 'n Greet! Ogema Romanelli will be having his regular Friday evening Meet 'n Greet on Friday evening of the 9th in the Three Fires Conference Center at 7 p.m. Join us for an intimate conversation with the Ogema and a freestyle conversation about our tribe!



New Commodities Facility Opens! The new Commodities office opened in the Warehouse last Wednesday. Be sure to come and visit this wonderful new facility

Fall Fire & Anishinaabe Lifeways Teachings. See page 4 for the full announcement and schedule! Watch the website (www.lrboi.com) and

the September *Currents* for the agenda!



LRCR Board announcement: The Little River Casino Resort Board of Directors and executive team will be available in the Grand River Room to receive comments and concerns from Tribal Members. They will be there at 6 p.m. the following dates:

October 22...November 20...December 17

Board Vacancies! There are openings on the Little River Casino Resort Board of Directors! If you are interested in applying, please send a letter of interest addressed to Ogema Romanelli but send it to Mary Thomas, Chief Administrative Assistant. LRBOI Government Center, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

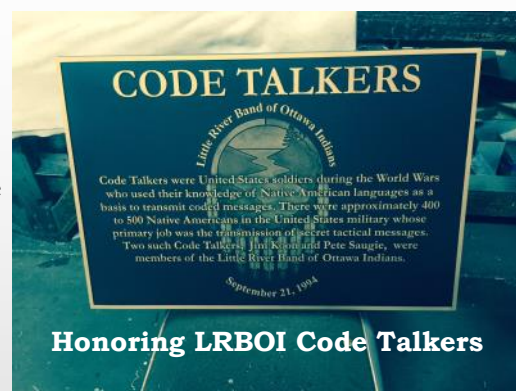
Take Back the Night! The event has been scheduled and there are some changes this year. See the flyer on page 8.

Suicide Prevention Rally/Walk this week! This years' observation will be on September 24th. See all the details on page 9.

Code Talkers Plaque Ceremony! The LRBOI Code Talkers Plaque will be posted October 3rd at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Park (across from Olesons' in Manistee).

The Maajiidaa Fitness Center is open from 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday – Friday, closed on weekends. Casino employees and their immediate family members are also encouraged to utilize the fitness center. New members are required to bring proof of eligibility via marriage license, employee ID or birth certificates depending on who the employee wishes to bring within their immediate family.

Office Holiday Closure! Please note that the tribal government offices will be closed from Christmas through the New Years holiday. Make plans to schedule your prescriptions and other needs ahead of time! Offices will close on December 24th at noon and will reopen on January 4th at 8 a.m.



News, updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information.

Please note that: Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN. These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further information that you can use.

Just click on them or copy and paste them in your browser for more info!



For Immediate Release

(September 21, 2015) Manistee, MI

Bureau of Indian Affairs Issues Notice of Intent

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Muskegon County Gaming Project Moves Forward with Federal Land-Into-Trust Process

Washington D.C. — A Muskegon County casino proposed by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians moved another step forward as the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) today published a Notice of Intent to undertake the environmental review to place land in trust for gaming purposes for the tribe. The BIA announced a public scoping hearing will be held October 15 at 6 p.m. at Fruitport Middle School auditorium, located at 3113 E. Pontaluna Road.

"This is a long awaited big step for the Little River Band and the Muskegon community to bring economic development to the region as the Notice of Intent publishing kicks off the public part of the review process," said Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli. ***"We strongly encourage the community to join us on October 15 in expressing their opinions that this project will have a positive impact on the Muskegon community. Community feedback is important to the Bureau of Indian Affairs' ability to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the project."***

Community input begins October 15 with an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the scope of issues that should be considered by the BIA as it prepares an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in response to the Tribes' application to put land into federal trust for development of the proposed Muskegon casino. In addition to accepting written comments, the BIA will also hold a public scoping meeting in the community.

The EIS will take a hard look at the potential environmental impacts of the project, including land use, geology and soils, water resources, agricultural resources, biological resources, cultural resources, traffic, air quality, noise, public health/environmental hazards, hazardous material and waste, public services, and socio-economics.

...More...



(Press release—continued)

The Little River Band filed an application last February requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place 60 acres in trust for a \$180 million casino and economic development project at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack site in Fruitport Township. The project is expected to create more than 1,200 new jobs in Muskegon County.

Muskegon County is the home to the Little River Band's largest population base. Muskegon is one of the Tribe's service areas and the Tribe maintains governmental offices in Muskegon to serve its members.

"The purpose and need of the proposed action is to improve the economic status of our tribal government so we can better provide housing, health care, education and other services to our elders and youth, particularly those based in Muskegon County," said Tribal Council Speaker Virg Johnson.

The Little River Band's proposed gaming and economic development project would include:

- Approximately 69,000 square feet of gaming floor space

- 1,700 slot machines

- 35 table games

- 220-room hotel

- Conference and meeting room space

- Dining and entertainment options

The proposed casino has received wide support from the community including support from Fruitport Township, Fruitport Public Schools, Muskegon County, West Michigan trade unions, The Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce and local businesses. Both Fruitport Township and Muskegon County reaffirmed support for the Tribe's Muskegon casino project with resolutions of support in June 2014.

The Little River Band has signed a Municipal Services Agreement with Muskegon County and Fruitport Township that consists of the Tribe making payments for public safety, sanitary sewer, public water construction and other services.

The BIA will publish notice of the October 15 scoping hearing in a local newspaper and online at <http://www.littlerivereis.com>.

For updates, please visit <http://muskegonjobsnow.org>

For further information, contact the Office of Public Affairs for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660. Office phone 231.398.6872 or cell at 231.690.7158. E-mail to gzaring@lrboi-nsn.gov



From the Office of Public Affairs

Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

(For details, see previous Rapid River News, Facebook or **Currents** issues)

- **Fall Fire & Anishinaabe Lifeways Teaching!** The full agenda for the Fall Fire & Teachings appears in the September **Currents** on pages 15-17. The dates are the 7th through the 10th of October.
- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations). **Ogema Meet 'N Greet always the night before the meeting!**
 - 2015—**Fall meeting, October 10, 2015**
 - 2016 – April 9, 2016 & October 8, 2016
 - 2017 – April 8, 2017 & October 7, 2017
- **Public Scoping Hearing October 15th!** 6 p.m. Fruitport Middle School, 3113 E. Pontaluna Rd
- **Annual Elders Conference** is November 7th & 8th in the Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center).
- **Elders Christmas Party is December 6th.** The party will be in the Three Fires Conference Center. **This is a change from the 5th due to a schedule conflict at the resort.**
- **Children's' Christmas Party December 13th.** It will be in the LRCCR Event Center!
- **Employee Christmas Party December 19th.** Odawa/Ojibwe rooms at Three Fires!
- **Offices Closed Christmas to New Years!** Remember that the Tribal Government Offices are closed from noon on December 24th (Christmas Eve) until 8 a.m. on Monday, January 4th! Make plans accordingly!



Membership Meeting

StonesHouse Run for Recovery! There is an upcoming event September 26, 2015 run for Recovery 5K Run/Walk to benefit the StonesHouse Inc. to establish "Michael's House" in the Manistee Community. StonesHouse is a nonprofit organization committed to helping communities develop recovery residences and recovery supports for individuals. LRBOI (through Be DA Bin) has been a part of this for the last year in the developing of a Steering Committee to operate "Michael's House" Our slogan is "Michael's House is a one-of-a-kind, supportive, transitional residential program for individuals in recovery who would otherwise be experiencing homelessness." This is a fund raiser that the House needs as we are getting closer to opening a new house.

LRBOI BeDaBin Behavior Health Services supports StonesHouse



It's Fall Membership Meeting Time! October 10th at Little River!

The Ogema's Fall Membership Meeting October 10th is the place to learn about what is happening with your Tribal Government and its many activities!

Come see presentations on:

- **State of the Tribe** by Ogema Romanelli
- **Tribal Finances** by the CFO Steve Wheeler
- **Casino updates** by GM Ron Pete
- Updates on the **Muskegon project**
- Unveiling of the **new website design**
- Updates on tribal **departments and programs**

Saturday meeting starts at 10 a.m. with Drum, Posting of Colors and Prayer. Formal Opening at 1 p.m.

Don't forget the Ogema's Meet 'n Greet on Friday evening at 7 p.m. in the Three Fires Conference Center!



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Fall Fire & Anishinaabe Lifeways Teachings

October 7-10, 2015

Tribal Gathering Grounds Fire Lodge

Behind Little River Trading Post gas station in Manistee, MI

Each day will start with a Sunrise Ceremony and teachings will be held throughout the day. The Fire will be kept throughout the night.

Everyone is welcomed to attend!



**For information, please call 1-888-723-8288
Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

Tribal Member LRCR Discount Rules

Tribal member must be present and show their Tribal ID to receive any of the following discounts. Discounts may not be combined with other discounts or comps.

20% Daily Discount in food outlets

Available to all Tribal Members and one guest; additional guests will be charged full price.

Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.

Thursday 2 for 1 meal discount (50% off if Tribal Member is alone).

Charge will be for meal of the highest price.

Cigarettes and alcohol are excluded from discounts.

25% discount in the Gift Shop.

Cigarettes, alcohol, consignment items, sundries and gift certificates are excluded from discounts.

Hotel room rate \$79 plus tax and fees. Suite rate \$129 plus tax and fees.

Tribal Member must identify themselves as a Tribal Member and provide Tribal Member number when booking the room.

Tribal Member must present Tribal ID when checking in and occupy the room.

No hotel discounts will be provided on the Fourth of July weekend or on New Year's Eve.

In anticipation of the opening of the spa the Resort will not offer discounts for spa services.

River Credits will be given to all LRBOI Tribal Members only (no spouses). Member must present their Tribal ID and provide a signature upon receipt of the voucher when registering at the meeting or event.

Spring and Fall membership meeting

LRBOI Elders Conference

Elders Christmas Party

Tribal Members only

No Tribal Member private banquet functions will be discounted.

Tribal Member discounts will not be provided on December 31st (New Year's Eve).

Any Tribal Member found trying to circumvent these rules may have their benefits suspended by Resort management.



Take Back the Night ☆ ☆ ☆



When: ☆ Thursday
10/15/2015
6pm-8pm



You are not alone
7 Generations *We are all in
this together!*

Where:

☆
Senior Center

457 River St.
Manistee, Mi. 49660

**Domestic Violence
Awareness Event**



BRING AWARENESS AND PROVIDE SUPPORT



Suicide Prevention Rally/Walk



SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

Come Walk with us and Show your Support

Free T-shirt for Registered Walkers

5:30 Registration (no fee)

MEET AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK GAZEBO

WALK ENDS MANISTEE SENIOR CENTER.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND SPEAKER

~~ KAREN MARSHALL ~~

OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

SHARES HER STORY AND BRINGS

AWARENESS TO THIS EPIDEMIC

*Door
Prizes*



*Valuable
Resources*



LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity. www.lrboi-nsn.gov

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

Check the website at www.lrboi.com
For the latest postings!

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check “temporary” or place “temp pool” on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It’s a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.** Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to: **LRBOI Human Resources**

2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288

(Cultural & Government related items)

Warriors Society: Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email:

BigKahunnnna@aol.com' (BigKahunnnna@aol.com)

for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.



Commission Openings! Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees! The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

"To me, the wisdom the Elders have to manifest is in teaching people how to live in harmony and balance with each other and the Earth."

-- Sun Bear, CHIPPEWA

You cannot give away what you don't have. You need to give away what you have in order to keep it. Our Elders have lived their lives with a lot of trial and error. They have experienced how to do things well and they have experienced what didn't work for them as they grew old. They know things about living that we don't know. So, through the years the Elders have gained wisdom. They usually have a whole different point of view because of all their experiences. There are two ways to learn. Someone tells us what they did and we do the same thing or someone tells us what they did and we choose not to do it. Both of these paths will help us to live.

**My Creator, teach me about choices and decisions and consequences.
Put an Elder in my life to guide me**



Tribal Court

Key:		EM	Emancipation of Minor	LT	Landlord Tenant
CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	FJ	Foreign Judgment	NA	Neglect Abuse
CS	Child Support	FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	NC	Name Change
CT	Civil Ticket	GA	Gaming Appeal	PF	Probate
DM	Divorce with children	GC	General Civil	PPO	Personal Protection Order
DO	Divorce w/o children	GM	Guardianship of Minor	TA	Trust Access
EA	Enrollment Appeal	GR	Employment Matter	TM	Tribal Misdemeanor
EB	Election Board Appeal	JC	Judicial Complaint	WC	Workmen’s Compensation
		JV	Juvenile		

Monday, September 21, 2015

OFFICE CLOSED RE-AFFIRMATION DAY

Friday, September 25, 2015

Judge Sherigan

09:30 a.m.	LRB v. Wilson, A.	15107CT Review Hearing
09:45 a.m.	Nelson v. Gauthier	15072CS-S Show Cause Hrg.

Monday, September 28, 2015

Judge Bailey

01:30 p.m.	Grolcholski v. LRB/Ogema	15134GC Pretrial
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Departments	Location	Director or main phone numbers
Accounting	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	Government Center — Main Entrance	231.398.6866
Commodities	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center	231.398. 6715
Courts	Justice Center on M22	231.398.3406
Education	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6735
Enrollment	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6712
Fitness Center	Government Center—Lower Level	231.398.6636
Family Services	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Grants Department	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6843
Gaming Commission	Old Casino Building	231-723-7755
Health Clinic	Government Center—North End	231.398.6600
Historic Preservation	Government Center- Lower Level	231.398.6891
Housing	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6859
Members Legal Asst.	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6718
Natural Resources	9th Street Offices—Manistee	231.723.1594
Peacemaking/Probation	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	Government Center —Main Entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6872
Public Safety	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
Work Force Development	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6842